STATE HAS WON HOLLOW VIGTORY

DECISION FAVORABLE TO STATE APPARENTLY, BUT IS HELD UP UNTIL JAN. 10.

SUITS MAY NOTBE BROUGHT

Railroad Officials Say That Proceed ings Filed in Attempt to Recover Overcharges Will Constitue Contempt.

Kansas City, Mo .- Almost simultaneously with the filing at Jefferson City of a suit for \$2,000,000 against the Missouri Pacific railroad by John T. Barker, for alleged overcharges made by the road while the 2-cent fare and maximum freight rate laws were enjoined, Judge Smith McPherson, in the federal court in Kansas City, made a new order suspending until Jan. 10. the decrees he had ordered at the morning session of the court.

The order left the Missouri rate cases in a more complex legal tangle than ever.

By this order, the railroad lawyers say, the bringing of any and all suits against the railroad is stopped until the motion is heard, and further claim that any suit filed at present will make the litigant stand in contempt of

Barker, however, says that he will continue to file suits and press claims for settlement despite the madified decision

Cannibals Kill Scientists, Brisbane, Queensland.-Dr. Deininger, a German scientist, his German assistant and fourteen native sergeans of police, who accompanied the exploring party into the interior of Neumecklenburg, formerly New Ireland, in the Bismarck archipelago, were killed by cannibals recently. The news of the deaths of the explorer and his party was received here.

Negro Bootlegger Is Killed.

Bartlesville, Ok .- While running from officers Ollie Weston, negro, was shot in the eye at Delaware, Ok., by City Marshal William Mayfield of Lenapah Ok. and instantly killed. of whisky to Lenapah when officers overtook him and ordered him to surrender. He and his brother fled.

Auto Bandits Club Victim.

Cleveland, O.-Three automobile Mghwaymen attacked and robbed D. E. Christian, president of the Heckler-Davidson Constructon company, and former member of the board of elections, in front of his home, clubbing him so badly he may die. The robbers obtained \$180 in money, a \$250 diamond stud and a valuable watch, They drove away at terrific speed.

Woman Throws Red Pepper. Minneapolis, Minn.-Entering the confessional of the Holy Cross church of Minneapolis, under the gulse of desiring to make confession, a woman attacked Rev. Henry Jajeski, the pastor, and threw a handful of red pepper in his eyes.

U. S. Printing Bureau Designer Dead. Washington, D. C. - James G. Hill, 72 years old, formerly supervising architect of the treasury department, is dead here. He became known as the designer of the bureau of printing and engraving and also of the government printing office.

Independent Lines Benefited Washington.—Attorney General Mc-Reynolds told friends that scores of independent telephone companies in the United States are gratified with the agreement the so-called telephone trust has made with the department of justice, which will give them the use of thousands of miles of trunk lines operated by the Bell company.

30,789 Irish Came Here This Year London.-Emigration is depleting the population of the United Kingdom at the rate of 36,000 a month, according to statistics published, and covering the first 10 months of the current year. The figures show the preference of Irishmen for the United States,

Panama Canal Steamer Launched. Stettin, Germany.-A large turbine steamer for the Panama canal service of the Hemburg-American line was launched here and christened "High Admiral von Tirpitz." The vessel is to have a speed of 19 knots.

Cuban Women Seeking Vote. New York-Cuban women want the vote and are organizing, according to a letter received here by Mrs. Raymond Brown, president of the New York State Suffrage association, who is asked to lend her name to the move-

Jury Out 65 Hours Disagrees. Ottawa, Ill.-All court records of La Salle county were broken when a jury disagreed after being out 65 hours considering the case of B. F. Krouse, a deputy sheriff charged with embezzle-

Cuts Own and Baby's Throat. Marshall, Ill.-While seated at the supper table Mrs. Mary E. Fix seized a butcher knife and cut the throat of er 2-year-old grandson, killing him instantly. She then drew the blade across her own throat, inflicting fatal

Twins Born to Suffragist. New York .- Twin girls were born to Mrs. Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale, actress-suffragist and niece of the famous actor, at their home in Forest

Leehan Acquitted. Toms River, N. J.-Joseph Moriar ity, also known as William J. Leehan, was acquitted by a jury of the charge of murdering Mrs. Caroline Turner, wife of a gardener on the estate of George Gould at Lakewood, N. J.

SHOT FOR KILLING THEIR OWN OFFICERS.



Marching the Twentieth batallion of the Mexican federal troops to the national palace at Mexico City to be shot for rebelling against their officers and killing them.

AVOID TRUST SUIT

A. T. & T. OFFICIALS SUBMIT TO MCREYNOLDS VOLUNTARY PLAN FOR SEPARATION.

Stock in Western Union Will Be Sold and Toll Lines Placed at Service of All-Company Promises to Cease Monopoly.

Washington, D. C .- Attorney Gen-The negro was bringing eight quarts of an agreement for the reorganiza applicable to such combinations or intloon of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, "the telephone trust," which will prevent litigation pany, although it followed many re- or lockout. ports that a suit against it might be

> justice officials as the most striking in 1902 to \$3,000 in 1904." indication offered in a decade that "big business" has come to the conclusion that it is better to follow the Sherman law than fight it.

The plan met not only the approval of the attorney general and his chief "trust buster," G. C. Todd, and officials of the subsidiaries of the combine, but was heartily approved by President Wilson. In a letter to Me-Reynolds, the president expressed his admiration for the attitude of the telephone company and his conviction that such conduct on the part of business men meant a building up of business on sound and permanent lines.

Coming on the heels of the anouncement that Postmaster General Burleson is seriously interested in government ownership of telephone lines, the action of the department of justice took an added significance and some officials went so far as to express the opinion that it indicated legislation to acquire the country's telephone business would not be pressed by the administration at the present session.

THROWS SELF UNDER TRAIN

Henry I. Nowlan of Peoria Reads in Newspaper of Charges of Forgery and Kills Himself.

Peoria, Ill.-To escape trial on the charge of forgery, Henry Nowlan, an attorney of this city and counsel for several Illinois defendants in the trial of the dynamite conspiracy cases in Indianapolis, committed suicide by throwing himself in front of a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train in Galva.

Nowlan was on his way to this city from Kansas City, when he read in a Peoria newspaper of the issuance of a warrant for his arrest charging him given by Rear Admiral Robert S. with forging the name of W. W. Winn, Peary at the museum of natural hisa Stark county farmer, to a note for Savings and Trust company.

Court Clerk Sent to Prison. Muskogee, Ok,-Harry Blake, for-

mer clerk of the district court, was found guilty of embezzlement of \$2,000 court funds. He was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and ator Ashurst. A total of \$350,000 elry valued at \$200. After their val ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000. Child Kills Friend.

Little Rock, Ark,-Fred Webber, the S-year-old son of Rev. E. Webber of Cypress Junction, was accidentally shot and killed by a companion. The father of the boy had left a gun not qualify as legal voters at the alderloaded.

Illinois Editor Acquitted. Taylorville, Ill .- Fay D. Slate, editor of the Mount Auburn Tribune, was acquitted of the murder of Mayor B. ly ripe, growing out of doors on a E. McCall, the man he defeated in the Windsor of Mount Auburn. jury returned a verdict after being out all night.

Church Fired, Militants Blamed. Liverpool.-The police blamed milltant suffragettes for a fire which badly damaged Stannes church. The church pews were destroyed, the pipe Army's home for men and many oth. Dillon family on a farm north of here organ damaged and the whole interior disfigured.

UNION MUST PAY PENALTY

VERDICT OF \$252,130 AGAINST HATTERS IS AFFIRMED.

Boycott Converted Firms' Profits From \$27,000 in 1901 to Loss of \$17,000 in a Year.

New York.-The United States court of appeals decided the famous Danbury hatters' case in favor BOOMS INDEPENDENT LINES and against the United Hatters of the wife of a president of the United for \$252,130

Sustaining the second judgment, Judge Coxe declared it was no longer eral McReynolds made public details debatable, "that the anti-trust act is dividuals.

established the plaintiffs were ento dissolve that corporation under the gaged in an interstate business, and anti-trust act, and under which com- that the defendants are members of petitive conditions will be restored a trades union, and affiliated with the telephone service of the entire coun- American Federation of Labor, "one try, and the combine will dispose of of the objects of the latter organizaholdings in the Western Union tion being to assist its members in Telegraph company. The reorganiza- any 'justifiable boycott' and with tion plan originated with the com- financial help in the event of a strike

The plaintiffs assert that this measuse "converted a profit of \$27,000 in It was regarded by department of 1901 into losses ranging from \$17,000

FOURTH TRIAL FOR DR. HYDE

Prosecutor Announces Another Effort Will Be Made to Convict Alleged Swope Slayer.

H. Swope, according to an announce- to mourn for loved ones. ment from the office of Floyd Jacobs. county prosecutor.

When the third Hyde-trial ended last fall in a disagreement by the jury Jan, 6 next was set as the date for opening the fourth trial The county prosecutor found difficulty in arranging to cover the great expense of the last trial and for a time it was understood a fourth trial was a matter of doubt.

The county court gave definite assurance it would pay the cost of a fourth trial.

WILSON CHOOSES GULF PORT

President May Spend Winter Vacation at Pass Christian, Vardaman Announces.

Gulfport, Miss.-That President Wilson intends to spend a part of his winter vacation at Pass Christian, Miss., is indicated in a telegram received by Judge W. H. Hardy of this city from Senator Vardaman, in Christian suitable for occupancy by the president.

New York.-To enable more than 500 blind persons to follow a lecture tory, a special map was distributed.

lines and dots. Fences on Mexican Border. Washington.-A barbed wire fence along the Mexican boundary to cheek incursions into American territory was

proposed in a bill introduced by Sen-

would be appropriated.

Resort Inmates Can't Vote. Chicago.—Basing his contention on the law which holds an immoral resort an illegal place, Judge Owens held that inmates of such places canmanic election.

Munkegon, Mich.-Strawberries in December! Big, luscious berries, near-Norton township farm, is the freak recent mayorally campaign, sat side discovered by J. 10. Hughes on the by side at a dinner given in Mitchel's farm of his father here.

Salvation Army Home Burne. Cincinnati.-Fire declared to be of incendiary origin caused the known death of five men in the Salvation crs are reported missing. The prop. has been lynched crty loss was estimated at \$100,000, broke into the jail.

U.S.-OWNED WIRES URGED STATE TO KEEP GOVERNMENT UTILITY CONTROL A PROVEN SUCCESS.

Burleson Says It is to Be Regretter U. S. Relinquished First Telegraph to Private Enterprise.

Washington, D. C .- A sweeping declaration in favor of the principle of government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines and an assertion that the postal service now is self supporting for the first time, since 1883, are features of the annual report of Postmaster General Burleson, trans mitted to congress.

Concerning the acquisition of tele phone and telegraph lines, Postmas ter General Burleson says that the government has demonstrated its ca pacity to conduct public utilities, and from his present information, he is inclined clearly to the taking over by the postoffice department of the tele graph lines and possibly, also, of the telephone lines. Discussing that the postmaster general says:

"A study of the constitutional pur poses of the postal establishment leads to the conviction that the postoffice department should have control over | said. all means of the communication of intelligence. The first telegraph line in this country was maintained and operated as a part of the postal service, and it is to be regretted that congress saw fit to relinquish this facility to private enterprise. The monopo listic nature of the telegraph business makes it of vital importance to the people that it be conducted by unselfish interests, and this can be accomplished only through government own ership.

AMPLE ROOM IN WHITE HOUSE

Five Aditional Guest Rooms Added to Executive Mansion for Visitors to President's Family.

Washington, D. C .- To prevent a recurrence of one of the most emof D. E: Loewe & Co., the plaintiffs, barrassing incidents that ever befell North America. The court affirmed a States-that which occurred during jucgment in favor of Loewe & Co. the Taft administration, when Mrs. and against the hatters' organization Taft invited Col. and Mrs. Gotbals to the White House as Christmas guests With interests and costs, the judg- and had to rescind the invitation and ment now amounts to \$272,000. At send them to a hotel because of in-the first trial, held in 1909, the plain sufficient accommodations—five additiffs obtained a judgment for \$232,240. tional guests rooms have been added to the executive mansion.

Heretofore the limited number of bedrooms has restricted the number of guests to two or three. This winter, Mrs. Wilson will be enabled to invite The court held it had been clearly her friends to visit her without fear of embarrassment

25 BODIES TAKEN FROM MINE

General Funeral Planned-Victims to Be Buried in Same Cemetery With Those of 1896 Disaster.

Newcastle, Colo.-Bodies of 25 to 37 men killed in the explosion had been removed from the workings of the Vulcan mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company. Three more bodies had been found in the rooms of

the west entry. New arrivals from surrounding and distant camps took the places of those who had tolled all night. Work will continue until all bodies are found

Tentative plans were made for a general funeral at which the victims Kansas City, Mo .- Dr. B. Clark of the disaster would be buried in the Hyde will be tried a fourth time same cemetery where relatives of vicon a charge of murdering Col. Thos. tims of the explosion in 1896 still go

ILLINOIS EDITOR ACQUITTED

Jury Frees Fay D. Slate After an All Night Session-Tried for Slaying Mayor.

Taylorville, Ill.—Fay D. Slate, editor of the Mount Auburn Tribune, was acquitted of the murder of Mayor B. P. Windsor of Mount Au-The jury returned a verdict after being out all night. Slate and Windsor disagreed over

local politics, and Windsor threatened Slate, who armed himself. When Windsor attacked him Slate shot and killed him.

GIRLS ADOPT DRESS REFORM

Unite With Teachers in Barring Slit Skirts, X-Ray Garments and Transparent Stockings.

Decatur, Ill.-X-ray and slit skirts and transparent stockings were Washington, requesting the jurist to barred in the Charleston high school at a special session of the faculty. The teachers said that conditions had become shocking and they proposed to put a stop to the scanty

Predict Bryce Peerage. London.-The bestowal of a poor age on James Bryce, former British ambassador at Washington, is pre-\$3,000, which Nowlan put up as col- The parts of the Arctic regions al- dicted by the periodical Truth in an lateral to secure a loan from the Dime ready charted were given in relief article about probable New Year's honors.

> Club Held Up, \$1,300 8aken San Francisco.-Two masked men held up and robbed nine members and the proprietor of a railroad men's club here, obtaining \$1,100 and jew uables were taken the robbers fled.

> Girl's Suitor Slain by Father. Peoria, Ill.-Obie Baysinger, 45 years, old, is in the county jult and Logan King, 25, is dead, at Edwards Station as the result of a quarrel over the victim's attentions to the slayer's daughter. Mitchel and McCall Dine Together

New York .- John Purroy Mitchel mayor-elect of this city, and Edward honor by the Knights of Columbus.

Mob Lynches Slayer. Williston, N. D.-Frank Cuthbert. on, who recently was convicted of the murder of three members of the has been lynched by a mob which

WILL NOT SET ASIDE 5 PER CENT OF EARNINGS FOR PRISONERS' DEPENDENT RELATIVES.

THE LAW MAY BE IGNORED

The Governor Says Nothing Can Be Done Without Legislative Author-Ization-Law Passed by General Assembly in 1907.

Jefferson City.-Although attention has been called to the statute enacted in 1907 requiring the warden of the penitentiary to set aside 5 per cent of the earnings of convicts for the use of their dependent relatives, no money will be set aside under the new contracts soon to be awarded, Gov. Major.

The statute has never been complied with. The state already has taken unlawfully from the convicts over \$125,000 belonging by virtue of law to the dependents of the inmates

The new contracts will be awarded at 75 cents a day per convict. The amount to which each convict is entitled after Jan. 1 will be 3% cents s day. During the next two years, for which the new contracts run, if the statute is still ignored, the state will have unlawfully deprived the dependent relatives of convicts of approximately \$65,000 additional.

Gov. Major says nothing can be done without legislation, but admits that Warden McClung could keep a separate book account of the money due the convicts under this statute until the next legislature convenes.

The governor says the records of the institution will show how many days are worked annually by each convict and this could be used by the legislature as a basis for the payment of back money due the convicts, if it is decidtd to do so.

Attorney-General Barker, member of the board of prison inspectors, said recently that he would ask that this statute be complied with, and that the warden be directed to set aside the earnings as the statute provides, even though it cannot be paid until approprinted by the legislature. Barker is now in New York and no new expression regarding his intentions could be obtained.

The people of Jefferson City through the Provident association, are now caring for 25 or 30 dependent relatives of convicts.

Mines Closed and Wages Reduced. Jefferson City .-- A report from Joplin concerning the mining business in

that district says: The basis range for zinc sulphide ores last week was \$36 to \$39, basis of 60 per cent metallic zinc, with premium lots selling up to \$42.

For the corresponding week of 1912 zinc sulphide brought \$54 to \$57 a ton, basis, with choicer lots selling up to \$60. Spelter was then quoted at

Many mines have cut wages, but there has been no indication of labor strikes. The workmen seem content to accept lower pay, temporarily, rather than be thrown out of employment

At one large mine in the district the operators had a great surplus reserve tonnage at the time that zinc ore was selling for \$64, basis, about 14 months They held in the hope of get ting \$70. The ore is still in the bin.

Calamine prices, which respond to sulphide offerings, are weaker at \$18 to \$19, basis of 40 per cent metallic zinc, while the choicest grades sell up to \$24. Low lead ore prices may be antici

pated as long as metal remains at its present weak quotation of \$3.85 to

Invitations for Governor's Ball. Jefferson City.-Gov. and Mrs. Ma for sent out invitations for the annual military ball at the executive mansion Jan. 3. The officers of the national guard and the governor's personal staff of colonels will be out in full regalia. The governor's colonels have only this one chance a year to show off their uniforms, gold braid and highly polished swords.

Convict, Twice Insane, Gets Pardon.

Jefferson City.-Gov. Major pardoned Henry J. Haynes, who was sent to the penitentiary from Johnson county in October, 1904, under sentence of four years for grand larceny Haynes has been sent twice from prison to the state hospital for the insane at Fulton for treatment, remaining in that institution some time Counting the time passed in the hospital at Fulton, he served his sentence

Rates Cut 10.59 Per Cent. Jefferson City.-A reduction on express rates aggregating 10.59 per cent will be made in Missouri as the result of the recent conference at Chicago between a committee representing the National Association of Railway Commissioners and representatives of the express companies.

Senator Cullom's Cousin Dies. Carthage .- Francis Cullom. 79, cousin of United States Senator Cullom of Illinois, is dead here. He was a veteran of the civil war.

To whiten ivory rub it well with unsalted butter and place it in the sunshine. If it is discolored it may be whitened by rubbing it with a paste composed of burned pumice stone and | trade. water and putting it in the sun under

He Thought Quickly, She (coldly)-"So you've been saying to people that I am fond of my own voice?" He-"Er-well, you have yourself admitted that you like mu-

Big Crop All Over Missouri. Jefferson City.--Despite last sum mer's drouth, the value of Missouri field crops and vegetables this year is estimated at only \$12,000,000 less than in 1912. The total value this year is \$175,787,126, according to the annual crop report issued by the state board of agriculture. The loss in value would be greater except for the higher

prices now prevailing The figures for the various crops are as follows:

Corn. 7,537,270 acres, 132,748,541

bushels, \$97,169,769; wheat, 2,020,330 acres, 35,390,833 bushels, \$28,505,846; oats, 656,182 acres, 14,949,532 bushels, \$6,280,173; prairie hay, 127,963 acres, 100,955 tons, \$1,163,236; tame hav and forage, 2.142.762 acres, 2.175.735 tons. \$29,063,478; flax, 9,431 acres, 48,573 bushels, \$55,859; rye, 7,510 acres, 106,642 bushels, \$88,513 buckwheat, 1,083 acres, 11,155 bushels, \$10,932; barley, 620 acres, 11,160 bushels, \$8,928; broom corn, 1,819 acres, 649, 383 pounds, \$35,662; cotton, 51,432 acres, 15,429,600 pounds, \$1,851,552; potatoes, 31,252 acres, 1,156,324 bushels, \$1,133,198; tobacco, 3,518 acres, 1,861,022 pounds, \$260,543; sorghum seed, 12,461 acres, 168,223 bushels, \$195,139; sorghum syrup, 12,461 acres 760,121 gallons, \$448,471; clover seed, 12,626 acres, 18.055 bushels, \$158,342; timothy seed, 5,769 acres, 16,153 bushels, \$47,490; kafir, millet, cow peas, blue grass and soy beans, etc., \$5,100,-000; miscellaneous vegetables, \$4,-

210,000. The 1913 corn crop was 100,000,000 bushels short of 1912 production; per acre it decreased from 31.9 to 21.6.

The wheat crop shows a gain of 35, 390,000 bushels over the previous year. The yield per acre of oats was 22.7 bushels in 1913, as against 31.3 in 1912.

The hay crop shows a decrease of about 35 per cent. Rye acreage was 1 per cent larger than in 1912; yield, 14.2 bushels; price

83 cents. Buckwheat acreage was 10 per cent ess than last year; yield, 10.3 bushels; price, 98 cents.

Barley acreage shows loss of 15 per cent; yield, 18 bushels; price, 80 Broomcorn acreage is but little

more than half, 53 per cent, that of 1912. The yield is but 357 pounds, as compared with 510 pounds last year Price, \$110 per ton, as compared with \$79 last year. Cotton acreage shows a loss of 14

per cent; yield, 300 pounds, as compared with 424 last year; price, 12 cents per pound. Irish potato acreage was 39 per cent less than 1912; yield, 37 bushels, as against 81 last year; price, 98 cents.

529 pounds, as against 946 one year ago; price, 14 cents. Sorghum syrup and seed show a lecrease in acreage of 36 per cent; yield of syrup, 61 gallons per acre:

Tobacco acreage is decreased 32 per

cent, as compared with 1912; yield,

price, 59 cents; yield of seed, 13.5 bushels; price, \$1.16. Clover seed acreage was but 15 per cent short of that of 1912; yield, 143

bushels; price, 08.77. The value of kafir, millet, cowpeas, soy beans, blue-grass seed and other similar crops is estimated at \$5,100,-000, as compared with \$4,400,000 in 1912. Miscellaneous vegetables are valued at \$6,210,000. Last year the estimated value was \$7,325,000.

To Sell 1.500,000 Seals.

Columbia .- Advance estimates on the sale of Red Cross seals in Missouri for 1913 are placed at 1,500,000 seals by Dr. Walter MacNab Miller secretary of the Missouri Association for Relief and Control of Tuberculosis. Three tons of circulars, posters, statistics and facts about the prevalence of tuberculosis in Missouri and the work of the society have been distributed this week.

To Eliminate Middleman. Kansas City.-A co-operative central depot for farm products which will eliminate the "middleman" and divide his profits between the producer and the consumer is the aim of the Farmers' Equity union. Fifty delegates, representing 10 states, are attending a meeting of the union in this city. The union was organized three arrests could be made. It was in a years ago. It has dealt thus far in deep canyon on Big creek, near Bee grain only and its members are farm. Rock, in one of the wildest sections of

McKinley Company Doubles Stock Jefferson City.-The Jefferson City Light, Heat and Power company, a McKinley corporation, which recently purchased the Jefferson City Bridge and Transit company, filed notice with the public service commission of an increase of stock from \$200,000 to

On Valuation Committee Jefferson City.-John M. Atkinson chairman of the public service commission, departed for Washington, D. C., to attend a three days' session or the valuation committee of the National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissions.

Marshall.-Ministers in Marshall are being called out of bed by telephone in the dead of night by persons who have "got religion" as an outgrowth of one of the greatest revival meetings ever held in Saline county. It is being carried on by the Presbyterian and Baptist denominations by Rev. Mr. Cates, a Baptist evangelist Meetings are going on day and night and there have been 300 conversions. Ministers virtually are "sleeping with one eye open," to be in readiness for those who wish at late hours to come club, engaged in a fight and each paid into the fold.

Large Trade in Human Hair. Trade in human hair is a big industry abroad, exports sometimes reaching a total of \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 a year. Italian merchants lead in the prepared for banquets and similar oc-

Or Change Him. "Maud's husband's name is Bill, break him."

Where there is neither love nor mediocre.-F. Nietsche.

FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

"Father of Joplin" Dead.

Joplin-William S. Shewmaker, 86 years old, the "father of Joplin," is dead. Shewmaker had lived in Joplin since 1866. He was a veteran of the civil war, settling here at the close of the war, when there were but two houses here. Three sons, four daughters, one stepson, two stepdaughters, 38 grandchildren and 19 great grand children survive. He left a fortune of \$100,000

Joplin Wants Courthouse. Carthage.-The Jasper county court has been petitioned to call a special election to vote on a proposition to issue \$300,000 bonds for the erection of a new courthouse at Joplin, a new

almshouse and jail at Carthage and a

detention home at Webb City

Ex-Representative Dies. Rolla,-W. A. Via, aged 71, one of the oldest citizens of Rolla, died at his home. He served in the Confederate army under Col. Early A. Steen and as representative from Phelps county in the thirty-sixth general assembly of Missouri in 1892.

"Acid Bandits" Auto Found. Kansas City.-The finding of the auomobile used by the man and woman who held up the jewelry store of L. Goldman and after squirting acid in the face of George Goldman, son of the proprietor, escaped with \$2,000 worth of diamonds, furnished the police a lone clew on which to carry forward their search for the robbers. The car was left at the curb in an isolated

region of the West Side. Two of the

bullets fired by Goldman & the escap-

ing robbers had pierced the back of

the tonneau. Won't Act, But Aids Wedding. Sedalia.-Judge Hopkins B. Shain of the Pettis county circuit court declined to marry Victor H. Barry and Miss Alma L. Potter, both of Green Ridge. The court said he was willing to aid in the wedding, but did not believe in marriage ceremonies by civit magistrates, and so he adjourned

who performed the ceremony. Conditions Bad In Missouri Jails.

court and sent for a Baptist minister,

Fulton.-James B. Bollman, assistant division superintendent of the Society for the Friendless, who is making his annual trip throughout Missouri, declares he found jail conditions deplorable in north central

Missouri. His criticism is not the first raised against the jails. A. grand jury condemned the Callaway county fail in this city. Several grand juries have made similar reports on the jail at Mexico, Audrain county. The jail at Columbus, Boone county, is said to be in poor condition.

Her Nose Hurts His Eye.

Kansas City.-Innocent, big and bashful is Charles Lend, a farmhand of Bethel, Kan. Twenty-seven years of his life have gone by and up to the other night he had never attempted to kiss a girl. On this occasion he broke down the barrier as he and his sweetheart, Miss Lillian Sectain, were in the shadow of a large tree on their way home from a party and seized her in his arms to place a kiss. Handicapped by intense embarrassment, his lips missed those of his sweethearthe denies Miss Sectain dodged to struck the end of her nose in the darkness, ripping open part of the lid and badly scratching the eyeball.

Chief of Moonshiners Arrested Springfield.-The breaking up of about the only remaining "moonshine" gang of the Ozarks has been accomplished, federal revenue officer. believe, in the arrest of George Smith of Texas county, an old man, who is thought to be the leading spirit of a ring of illicit whiskymakers who have evaded the law for the last decade,

Barton, an Ozark mountaineer, who, it is charged, acted as selling agent for the moonshine stills. The still had been located many times by government detectives, but in every instance it was moved before

With Smith was arrested "Pete"

Armed men guarded the still. Dexter, Belated, Works Highways,

southwest Missouri.

Jefferson City.-Dexter, Stoddard county, reported to Gov. Major that place had its two days of "road work" Dec. 15 and 16, instead of Aug. 20 and 21. The report says the citizens of the town and its vicinity did a great amount of effective work

Gas Company Inquiry Asked. Columbia.-A resolution asking that the Columbia Gas company be investigated by the state public utilities commission was passed by the city coun cil. An investigation of the Columbia Telephone company is now pending before the commission.

Charleston.-William Bryant, a farmer, whose home is about two miles west of Charleston, was run over and killed by a work train. Several people saw the accident and shouted warnings. Fight Follows Effort to Tango.

Caruthersville. - Because Harry Fleming wanted to drace the tango at a dance given by a club composed of the elite of Carterville, Fleming and John Cunningham, members of the a fine of \$5 and costs for disturbance,

Professional Dinner Tasters. o Paris there is a corps of profesactual dinner tasters, whose duty it is to test and pass judgment on all food casions of state.

Teller-"Grimshaw is the only man isn't it?" Yes, and he's afraid she'll of my acquaintance who invariably wins in an argument with a woman." Askins-"How, in the name of wonder, does he do it?" Teller-"Oh! he hatred in the game woman's play is states his side of the case and walks off."-Puck.